

Casa Juliana Report 2015/2016

Kids report

Since the grand opening, in October 2014, Casa Juliana has been a huge blessing and life changing journey for all of our kids. They joined Casa Juliana in the following stages:

- three of the little ones until October 2014 (Ilinca, Alexandra and Sergiu)
- two in December 2014(Laj and Eva, Sergiu's siblings)
- aone in April 2015 (Narcisa)
- two in may 2015 (Costi and Atilla)
- and one in October 2015 (Nicusor)

None of them had been schooled before and for those like Eva (9 years) and Attila (10 years) this last year has been a big challenge to face the daily demands of school as well as filling the educational gaps. But our staff worked hard and they did great.

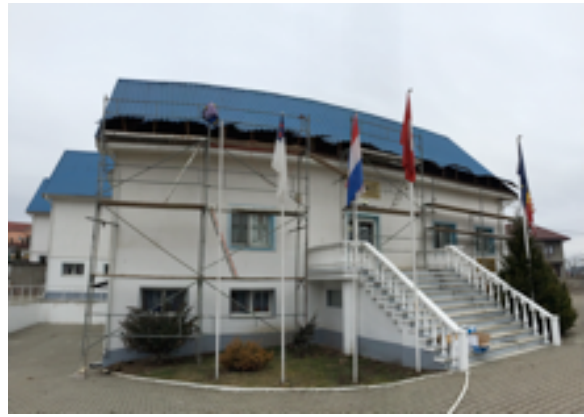
The greatest challenge for all of our kids was overcoming the trauma from their past, so for the past year and a half with a lot of counseling, specific therapy, speech therapy, love and care, big steps towards healing have been made. And one good example here will be Ilinca (4years old) which, we believe she was mute at the beginning and as soon as we realized that nothing physical is wrong she started speech therapy and counseling. Now she is using sentences to express herself and, as she built her trust in the adults around her, she started talking about the trauma from her past and makes steps towards healing.

3 years old Sergiu is a medical miracle! He was diagnosed with a severe heart condition a couple of years go and put on the transplant list, but over the last year with tender loving care and medication, his condition improved a lot. He is now off the transplant list and last month, at his checkup, the doctors affirmed that he might be able to leave a normal life with little medication or possible no medication at all.

Great healing and progress had 4 years old Alexandra. She came to Casa Juliana from a baby hospital where she was abandoned. She was almost 3 at the time but behaved more like a 8 months old with a sever eating disorder. She developed what is called institutional autism. With 2 different types of specific therapy, exercise and stimulation, today she can walk, communicate her needs, interact with other kids or adults and even say a few words.

Narcisa our 4 years old was placed in a foster family in December last year. Also two other kids have started the matching process with future foster families.

Thank you for all your support for Casa Juliana. The following are some of the pictures of the kids that you have helped have dramatic turnaround interventions in their lives:



1. Sergiu did not have to have a heart transplant. The doctors called our care a “miracle.”
2. Alexandra is coming out of the autism spectrum. She will be placed in a foster family by the end of the year. Narcisa (white glasses) has already been placed in a family.
3. Nicusor (far right) will be placed in a family by the fall.